Operate Transfer (BOOT) basis. The operations of Kakinada Deep Water Port have been handed over to private operator on Operate maintain share & Transfer (OMST) basis. The development of Nizampatnam and Machilipatnam Ports through public-private partnership is under consideration.

Road declared as NH in U.P.

†2823. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of raods declared as National Highways in Uttar Pradesh during the last financial year;

(b) the progress made so far on the said roads;

(c) whether construction work on the said roads is being completed within the scheduled timeframe; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the action being taken to complete the same on time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Eastern Peripheral Expressway (under construction) connecting National Highway No. 1 to National Highway No.2 has been declared as a National Highway No. NE-2 during the last financial year. About 90 kms. of this National Highway lie in the State of Uttar Pradesh.

(b) Process of Land Acquisition along the alignment of this National Highway has been initiated.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Construction of East West Corridor

2824. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that construction work of East West Corridor to connect Jaipur to Kanpur, which passses through thickly forest Shivpuri district in Northern Madhya Pradesh, was held up;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.